

Co-op welcomes new young artist

Just in time for Christmas! The Valley Artisans Co-op welcomes another member who is new to this area, though she is not unfamiliar with the immense and beautiful landscape of northern Ontario.

Katelynn Clarey, who is originally from Northumberland County in south eastern Ontario, is also one of the youngest members of the co-op.

She fell in love with watercolour painting at an early age when she began to take art lessons with a local instructor.

When it came time for post-secondary education, it was clear to her that creating art was to be a central part of her life.

In 2005 she decided to attend Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, where she obtained her Honours Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Education.

It was during this time that Katelynn developed a deep connection with Northern Ontario and furthered her artistic expression.

Katelynn's artwork is a reflection of the vast wilderness surrounding her. Using mostly ink and watercolours, Katelynn explores nature's poetic and rhythmic habits.

She tries to express her interpretation of the land through her artwork. This creative process is meaningful to Katelynn and she hopes to share this meaning with those who see her work.

She is intrigued and inspired by Canadian artists, particularly Tom Thompson, who explored this area and captured the true spirit of the landscape in his paintings.

You will see traces of influence from the Group of Seven and Woodland artists in much of Katelynn's work.

After graduating in 2011, Katelynn spent several years travelling across Canada and Europe, planting trees, hik-



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ing, and absorbing the beauty of the land.

After these adventures she found herself living in Chalk River for the past year, as her partner is with the Canadian Armed Forces.

Wanting to feel like a part of the community, Katelynn turned to the Valley Artisans Co-op as a way to meet local artists and patrons, to make new friends and to further her artistic practice.

Katelynn also makes her own

frames for her artwork and her paintings, mandelas and art cards can be purchased at the Artisans Co-op.

Be sure to visit not only to see Katelynn's work, but also the wide selection of one of a kind fine art and craft from 30 local artists and artisans. It is open daily from 10 am to 5:30 pm and located at 33373 Hwy 17 W.

This Sunday, December 18, we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent with the lighting of the candle of Love in the Advent Wreath, which is also known as the Angel's candle. This reminds us that love came into the world when Jesus was born and represents rejoicing.

Please join us at either of our two services of Holy Eucharist; the 8 am service is quiet, spoken and reflective, while the 10 am service is sung and joyful, with Children's Time and Children's Ministry, followed by coffee and conversation in the church hall.

Enjoy fun, fellowship and food at the Advent Potluck Lunch on Sunday, December 18, after our 10 am service.

After lunch, there will be the long-time Anglican tradition called the "Greening of the Church" when we set up the Christmas tree. All

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are welcome to join us and please invite your friends and neighbours.

Our Christmas Eve Family Service of Lessons and Carols at 7 pm, Saturday, December 24, is a wonderful celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Come and hear the readings that tell the Christmas story and join in singing beautiful traditional Christmas carols. It's a service for all ages, and also a shorter service so that young families can attend as well.

Our 11 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Holy Eucharist is a beautiful service. The light that shines forth from everyone's candles as we begin the service reminds us of that first Christmas when Jesus came to us as the light of the world. Following Holy Eucharist, we will re-light our candles as we enter into this most holy of nights.

This Sunday, December 18, our morning service features Community Church's customary pageant re-enacting the traditional Christmas story.

This is a participatory event for everyone that wants to be a shepherd, a wise man, a villager, or an animal (traditional or exotic) coming to the manger.

Come and worship with us at 10:15 am on Sunday morning and enact - or, if you prefer, just watch - the lighter side of Christmas tradi-

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tion.

Community Church has social aspects too and we thank all of the wider community for their participation in our sell-out

Christmas Turkey Dinner last Friday evening.

Remember too that everyone is always welcome to drop in on our regular coffee mornings on Fridays from 10 to 11:30 am in the CE Centre beside the church.

This year there will be no break in those over the Christmas holidays.

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JABEZ: The Jabez Blanket Ministry is looking for donations of yarn, zippers, gently used backpacks, clip-on earrings, and broaches. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the church hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, at 1 pm. If you'd like to join us, please contact Claire Kennedy at 584-2083 for more information. Pattern instructions and yarn are provided to make the blankets and you work at your own pace.

REUSE: It's a free garage sale Tuesdays to Saturdays at the Baggs Road Landfill Site re-use area. Come and drop off or take home good reusable materials free of charge. While you are going, please bring your unwanted household hazardous wastes (paint, engine oil, antifreeze, car batteries etc.), waste electronics (computers, keyboards, mice, cables, monitors, TVs and printers) and tires, which are all accepted free of charge.